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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Woodhams	
Application No.: 10/549,552	
Filed: 3/20/2006	Group Art Unit: 3654
Title: Improvements in or Relating to Stairlifts	Examiner: Brahan, Thomas J
Attorney Docket No.: URQU.P-018	Conf. No.: 3865

Response and Request for New Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the office action mailed in this case on February 17, 2010. Applicants have noticed numerous errors contained in the action and do not know how to formally respond. The following is a non-exhaustive list of some of these errors.

The claims listed as pending on the first page of the office action appear to be incorrect. The claims listed as pending appear to be those presented in an amendment after a Final Office Action that was filed on May 1, 2009. However, there is no indication that this amendment was ever formally entered. Appropriate correction is requested.

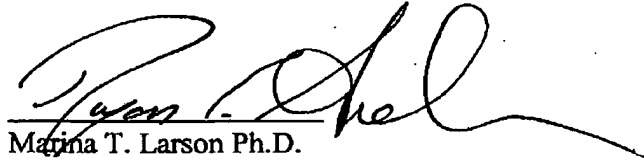
Next, in paragraph 10 of the office action "claims 1, 4, 5, 5, 10-13 and 15" are listed as apparently allowable if they were rewritten to overcome 112, 2nd paragraph rejections. This listing is clearly incorrect as claim 5 is listed twice. Was some other claim meant to be "allowable if rewritten" here? Furthermore, this listing ignores paragraph 9 of the action which rejects claims 12 and 13 under 102(b). Are claims 12 and 13 in fact rejected under 102(b) or are they likewise allowable? Appropriate correction is requested.

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Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the content of the February 17, 2010 office action and submit that all claims in the application are in form for allowance. If a new non-final office action is deemed necessary, Applicants respectfully request that it issue correctly with a new time line for response.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marina T. Larson", is written over a horizontal line.

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